Implementation of Consumer's Protection Act

1554. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the implementation of the Consumer's Protection Act requiring to set up Consumer's Forum in all the districts of the country has been unsatisfactory and despite the directive of the Supreme Court, majority of the States have shown poor interest in this regard;

(b) if so, whether Government have studied the causes for delay in setting up the Consumers' forum and also the working of the Consumers' Forum wherever set up;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take for the implementation of the Consumers' Protection Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) (a) to (d) As per information received from the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations, 27 Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions (State Commissions) and 325 Consumer Disputes Redressal Forums (District Forums) have started functioning in the various States/UTs except in the State of Jammu and Kashmir where the Act does not extend. State of Jammu & Kashmir has adopted its own legislation in this field.

The delays are mainly due to the financial constraints faced by the State Government/UT Administrations and difficulties in locating suitable persons for manning the State Commissions/District Forums.

Though the setting up of State Commissions and District Forums are the responsibility of State Governments/UT Administrations, Central Government is constantly in touch with the State Governments/UT Administrations in this matter and persuading them to expedite the setting up of these bodies.

Sikh Officers killed during 1984 riots

1555. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the number of Sikh Officers and other ranks killed or wounded at the railway stations and enroute while travelling in trains during the 1984 riots;

(b) what was the number of missing Sikh Officers and other ranks who were supposed to be in transit during the riots;

(c) what was the estimated value of property of the victims looted or damaged;

(d) whether Government have provided any relief/compensation to the next of kin of such victims and if so, the details thereof,

(e) the details of pending claims for settlement, if any, and the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether the relief/compensation is at the same scale as being provided to victims of Delhi riots?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

.. Atomic power projects ..

1556. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) which are the atomic power projects the commissioning of which has been delayed for over a year at the end of 1990:

(b) what is the present cost escalation in respect of each of these atomic power project and by what percentage the cost is anticipated to rise by the time these atomic power projects are commissioned;

(c) whether the implementation of these projects has been critically reviewed; and

(d) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to ensure their completion according to the revised schedule to avoid further cost escalation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) From among the atomic power projects presently under construction, commissioning of the second unit of Narora Atomic Power Project has been delayed for a period exceeding one year at the end of 1990.

(b) The two unit project at Narora (of which the first unit is already commissioned) was Rs. 399.64 crores in 1983. The latest cost estimate is Rs. 645 crores plus interest during construction. No further increase in cost is anticipated.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The second unit at Narora is scheduled to achieve criticality by end August, 1991 and commercial operation in January 1992 as per the latest revised schedule. All activities are being closely monitored with a view to achieve the above schedules.

Construction of submarine at Mazagaon docks Ltd.

1557. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that material worth crores of rupees purchased from West Germany for the construction of submarines by Mazagaon Docks Ltd., have been rusting and that the plan to construct submarines has been shelved;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the estimated loss suffered by the exchequer as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a). No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

रक्षा मंत्री की सियाचीन की यात्रा

1558. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :

क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या रक्षा मंत्री ने अभी हाल में सियाचीन तथा अन्य अग्रिम मोर्चों का दौरा किया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह रक्षा मंत्री द्वारा की जाने वाली सामान्य यात्रा थी; और

(ग) सियाचीन तथा अन्य अग्रिम मोर्चों पर हमारे जवानों का मनोबल क्या है ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : जी, हां।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) सियाचिन और अन्य अग्रवर्ती क्षेत्रों में हमारे जवानों का मनोबल बहुत ऊंचा है।

Soviet Offer of YAK-141 "Freestyle" Aircraft

1559. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Soviet Union has offered India its latest fighters aircraft, the Yak-141 'Freestyle';